



REPORT OF THE GILMAN MUSEUM

This past year the Gilman Museum served as a meeting hall for local boards and committees. The collection and displays are still open for viewing by appointment and visitors are welcome. Contact the Selectmen's office for information and if you plan to hold meetings.

An Open House was held for the public in November to welcome our new Town Planner and Police Chief. Over 100 guests came by during the evening to extend their best wishes, including our State representatives and Councilor Burton. Our thanks go out to our staff and to Judy Fry, for preparing refreshments and those who hosted this event. A special thank you to Ken Pinhero our pianist for the evening, playing the museum's Gilbert baby grand piano.

In December the Museum was open for the annual *Light-Up Night*, hosted by Peter Bolster, Mary Lauber and Patricia Rockwood. Our thanks to the Dickens Carolers for contributing to the enjoyment of the night singing Christmas carols and storytelling for the children. We appreciate having Jan Coule who provided her musical talents at our grand piano. Peter Bolster allowed us to display his paper village and Barbara Schaeffer contributed her collection of *Byers Choice* Christmas Dolls to display during this event. Thank you all. Again over 100 visitors came to the museum throughout the evening.

The Museum is also used for on-going weekly events by our Senior Citizens as well as other organizations. Please call The Alton Senior Center at 875-7102 for information on these activities.

We thank all those who continue to provide their time to benefit the museum and caring for the collection and displays.

Respectfully submitted,
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Town Administrator